

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of

Sharon B. PAYTON et al

Attn: Applications

Serial No.: To be assigned

Filed: April 26, 2001

For: pH CONTROL OF SAUCES USED ON ACIDIFIED PASTA OR RICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to assigning a serial number and filing date to the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the first sentence thereof, please insert the following paragraph:

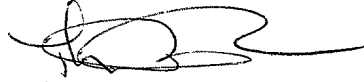
--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is a non-provisional application, which claims the benefit of provisional application serial number 60/199,830, filed April 26, 2000.--

REMARKS

By the foregoing Amendment, applicants have identified a prior provisional application, which claims the benefit afforded by 35 U.S.C. 119 in the present non-provisional application.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas P. Pavelko

Registration No. 31,689

TPP:mat

Attorney Docket No.: TPP 30866A

STEVENS, DAVIS, MILLER & MOSHER, L.L.P.

1615 L Street, N.W., Suite 850

Washington, D.C. 20036

Telephone: (202) 785-0100

Facsimile: (202) 408-5200 or (202) 408-5088

Date: April 26, 2001

FILED IN 30866A